

The "Good Evening Science" Project is a New Platform for Communicating Complex Social and Scientific Issues to the General Public, Merging Science with the Role of the Library

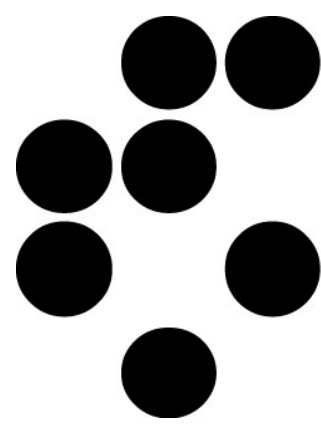
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OUTLINE

Due to the pace of life in modern society, the development of various disciplines, and not least, the progress of science, we have decided to organize monthly forum under the title "Good Evening Science". In discussions with various experts on everyday topics, we will shed light on their regularities and look for answers to various questions in a relaxed atmosphere. The event is organized in cooperation with the Library Domžale, where our talks take place.

ACTIVITY

In the second season, we dealt with interesting and current topics, met extraordinary personalities who are active in both the academic and applied fields. At the end of the event, a popular article is always published in the local newspaper, informing citizens and conveying the basic message of the event. The event was well received by the residents of the region. After the main description of the topic and the introduction of the guests, the moderator (M. Jeran) leads a 90-minute discussion and enriches the event with various anecdotes. The event attracts many visitors every month who follow the discussion and ask various questions. Questions from the general public are very welcomed as they usually further support some scientific content in practice (Figure 1).



Figure 1: Highlights of the event "When the uninvited guest of dementia opens the door of memory". Memory is more than just a database – it is what defines us, connects us to others and shapes our past, present and future. It also has a symbolic and emotional value. We study it in science, represent it in art, but sometimes we don't understand it enough in society. In this talk, we explored its value and utility from different angles. In everyday life, we often take it for granted until we begin to lose it – in ourselves or in the people close to us.



Figure 2: Highlights of the last event "Life is a great gift: From cancer diagnosis to realisation". The meeting invited us to reflect deeply on life, trials and the inner strength of a person. In the face of a diagnosis, the world often comes to a standstill, but it is precisely from pain that the greatest insights and gratitude for life itself can arise. With soft music, the gathering provides an opportunity for honest stories, inspiration and connecting with the power of the human experience (a, b). Some also refer to illness as a "special gift". In the moment of suffering we often cannot understand this, but with time many look back with different eyes. We asked ourselves: What does cancer teach us about life?

CONCLUSION

An important task for every scientist is to communicate the passion for their work and its importance to society. This includes communicating effectively with other experts and people outside their field, as well as with the general public. Full halls and increasing interest in such content encourage us to continue our work.



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